



# Thank You

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## THIS ISN'T A GOODBYE.

By now most of you know that I am a man of few words. So putting my thoughts in writing is hard for me. But I owe the City of Baltimore, the Orioles' organization and most especially, the Baltimore Orioles' fans, a large Thank You.

Nine years ago I came to Baltimore as a baseball player, and during that time I have become three things that I value the most: a husband, a father, and an Oriole. As we are starting a new chapter, Christina and I are incredibly thankful for the kindness that we have received from this community and we have every plan to continue our lives and charitable involvement here. It's because of your support that we are able to embrace this opportunity with excitement.

But this isn't Goodbye, it's just a Thank You.

I owe Peter Angelos and his family a Thank You for bringing me to this organization and City and for the friendship you have shown my family and me over the years.

I want to personally thank Buck for his relentless leadership. I truly believe that it



is your love and respect for the game that has brought winning back to Baltimore. You are, and will continue to be, my mentor and friend.

I want to thank the coaches that I have been fortunate enough to work with through this organization. You have taught me more than skills and techniques and it's because of your dedication that I loved going to work every day.

To all of the guys that I shared the field with, thank you for showing up every day more focused and determined than the day before. Seasons can be long and schedules can be grueling but the brotherhood that we shared made all of the highs worth the lows.



To the stadium, clubhouse and organizational personnel, thank you for everything you do. The hard work that you put in day in and day out not only makes this game possible, but made Camden Yards my family's second home and gives the fans the experience that they deserve.

And finally, I want to thank you, the fans. It's because of this community that I have been able to grow into the player that I am. It's because of your passion, dedication, and heart that make me proud to say that my career will always be rooted in the bricks of

Eutaw Street. Having fans is a truly humbling experience. Knowing that people wear your jersey, identify with you and look up to you without knowing you has always been hard for me to grasp, but I've learned to accept and embrace it. I know that it's easy for someone who doesn't know me to make assumptions on my thoughts and actions. That's the

price of being a professional athlete and I accept it. I sincerely hope you understand how difficult this is for my family and me.

And it's because of the great memories that you have given Christina, the boys and me that makes it easy for us to continue to call Baltimore our home.



With gratitude,

Nick Christina Taylor Tucker Toby